

A Public Meeting was called by the Association on July 15th to discuss the results of the questionnaire conducted in the village during June. There was a good turn out, and about 50 people listened to Mr.C.Bamford, Vice-Chairman of the G.C.A. giving the breakdown of the figures obtained which showed that the majority of the inhabitants of Gwernymynydd enjoy the Newsletter, and think that the Community Association is doing a good job. The highest interest was shown by those in lower end of the village who wanted more shops, followed a close second by all sections asking for the provision of a Community Centre. On village activities, first and second choices were dances and film shows.

The meeting then went on to discuss the present restricted use of the Junior School as a Community Centre, and a spokesman for the Playgroup Association generously stated that if everyone would help to complete 'the hut' (sited on the infant school ground), then the Playgroup would welcome shared responsibility and use as an Assembly Hall for the village. It was resolved that a meeting be called on July 23rd inviting the Councillors, interested officials, and a member from each organisation in the village present to discuss this proposition.

This discussion group met on July 23rd, composed of County, Delyn, and Community Councillors, together with advisors from the Education Department, the Quality of Life Experiment, the Church and Chapels, and a member from each of the following village organisations:-Youthclub, W.L., Playgroup, Ladies Guild, Community Association, Parent/Teachers Association, Senior Citizens, Gymkhana Committee, (the Presbyterian Chapel and Brownie Leader sent apologies and a statement of their views)

The discussion opened with the Playgroup member presenting a report on the finances and progress to date, showing that the Playgroup has raised nearly £1,000, through fund raising activities, and received £100 from the Gymkhana Committee in 1974. The 'hut' is now safely erected on a concrete base on the infant school site, covered with a gift of new roofing felt, and with a path put down to the door. However, the electrical work is the next job which needs to be done, both outside cables and inside installation, together with the final joinery - partitioning, doors to true, etc. Then, the plumbing needs connecting, the guttering and the plaster board lining to be put up, and, finally, the inside painted and the floors sanded.

After much discussion it was agreed that the various members should report back to their committees, and return an elected representative to another meeting on Sep.9th with details of views on proposed use, finance etc., when, if everyone is agreeable, a management committee can be set up to organise the administration and day-to-day organisation of 'the hut' as an Assembly Hall for the village.

We now have the chance to have our own Assembly Hall, and we could make good use of it:- film shows, whist drives, concerts, socials - views, ideas and suggestions please, to any member of the G.C.A. Committee please.....

There are surely many people in the village who would be willing to offer an hour or two of skill, knowledge, advice or strength to help to get the Hall finished so that everyone can benefit...many of the materials have already been given or purchased at cost...please 'phone 55721 or 55725 so that a register of willing helpers can be started.

It has been suggested that an 'Open Weekend' be held at the 'hut', possibly the first weekend in September, so that everyone in the village can come and have a look at the place, and its possibilities - more details later.

YOUTH CLUB. The club, having won the second prize of £4 for its Foot Tableau in the Mold Carnival, put the winnings towards the coach fare for an evening outing to Moel Fammeau. This took place on Wednesday 16th July: the party climbed to the summit (most of them did) and then returned to the plateau for refreshments by the pond before returning home.

Leader Olive Sweetman reports that the club has had a very happy and successful year. Five placques have been won in the Mold Area Youth Council competitions; these were for, Winners table-tennis (boys), Netball (girls), Quiz (mixed), and Runners-up table-tennis (girls) Miss Mold (Lynda Roberts). The members have also been active in raising money and working for the community in various projects. The club is closed for the summer break during the month of August, re-opening on Friday 5th September at 7p.m.

GLYNDWR TIGERS As most of our readers will have seen in the local press, Tony's Tigers have undergone a change of name: they are now the Glyndwr Tigers. This praiseworthy Tug-o'-War team are doing a splendid job in devoting twelve months to the raising of funds for the Kidney Research

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Unit for Wlaes. Their biggest effort yet will be in September when they are holding a dance at the Deeside Leisure Centre. Lance Wynsor is the celebrity guest. Anyone wanting further details should contact Bill Lawrence, Mold 2913. (Glyndwr Hotel). The Tigers are to be congratulated on winning the Challenge Cup at the Gwernymynydd Show; they were also the winners at Mold Carnival. Carry on Tigers, you're doing a great job!

PLAYGROUP.

A cheese and wine(or beer, if preffered) evening is to be held at 8p.m. on 16th August, tickets 60p; please contact Mrs.Houston at 7, Uwch y dre, 'phone 55725.

GWERNYMYNYDD SHOW

Again the show report is one of success. All departments were fortunate enough to improve on last year, even though costs had obviously increased. The end product was an increase in profit, all of which benefits Village charibies - If anyone needed a shing example of village co-operation, then the success of the show provides it!

THE PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Wish to thank parents and friends for their support at the Sports Day cum Summer Fair; this was a great success, and grown-ups and children alike enjoyed the occasion.

SCOUT TROOP

Mr. L.A. Sharrock has offered his help to try to start a troop in the village, and Mr. Gates has offered to give advice, but we now need another volunteer, especially someone with experience, and the names of those boys who would like to join - names and ages please to Mr.Sharrock, Mold 4485, or to any member of the G.C.A. Committee.

COUNCIL NEWS

Mr. E. Hughes asked for, and was given, a breakdown of the answers given to the question about more shops in the village asked in the questionnaire.

Holiday Play Scheme

Play leaders will be present at the Gwernymynydd C.P. School from Monday to Friday during the school holidays between the hours of 10a.m. and 4p.m. to organise and supervise various games and activities free of charge for children between the ages of 5 and 14 years.

Holiday Bookmobile

A special children's library lorry will call each Friday of the school holidays at the Council Houses in the village from 2 to 2.30p.m.; Each child may borrow up to 3 books a week for holiday reading. The usual library lorry will be at the Swan car park on Mondays from 10a.m. to 4p.m. and another mobile unit will call at the Top Shop from 11.20 am until 11.50 am on August 4th and 18th.

Dates to REMEMBER

- August 16th Playgroup Cheese and Wine Evening
- " 24th Dance at Loggerheads Restaurant (see advert. below)
- Septem. 5th Senior Citizens round trip of North Wales.

Loggerheads Restaurant: "Dance & Cabaret" every month £1.20 including food; tickets must be booked. Next dance - Saturday August 24th with the 'Islanders', and cabaret.

Tickets from Loggerheads Restaurant

Structural Plan for Clwyd . Transportation

Public participation Conference held at Shire Hall on 14th May 1975.

At the request of the Committee of the G.C.A., I attended the above conference, one of several such meetings to be held over the next few months, for the purpose of discussing "Key Strategic Issues" within the overall framework of the plan now being prepared by the County under the Town & Country Planning Act, 1971.

The issues are mainly concerned with the general policies for development, land usage and transport within the area; the improvement of the environment and management of traffic, over the next 15 years, up to 1990. The meeting was attended by approximately 140 people representing Community Councils, associations, business interests, farming, etc., ensuring a lively debate.

Many speakers expressed very forthright views, particularly with regard to roads and public transport. Vested interests pressed for major roads within the plan, many others were totally opposed to such a policy.

I put forward the view that we should concentrate on a comprehensive plan for rail and bus services and less emphasis on roads, thus alleviating congestion, and preserving good farming land. As this report is intended to convey a brief account of the proceedings only, I will submit a more detailed report at a later date.

signed: C.M. Bamford. (Vice Chairman G.C.A.)

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PLEASE do let us have your news - and views - and offers of HELP!